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SHAFFER ET AL.

TITLE: **COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHODS WITH OUT-OF-BAND CONTROL**

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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the subject application:

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Transmitted herewith is:

Amendment in the above-identified application 31 (Pages)

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER Amendment	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	# OF EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	61	63		x \$18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	21	20		x \$86 =	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable				x \$290=	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE:					\$ 0.00

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a ONE month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004 from April 12, 2004 to May 12, 2004, under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) in the above identified application.

The petition fee for the ONE month extension of time, \$110.00, is enclosed.

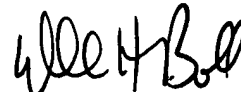
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 associated with this communication, or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-0687 under Order No. 20-271.

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